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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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MOVSESIAN, et al.

Application No.: 10/800,308

Examiner: HOLZEN, S.

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Group Art Unit: 3644

For: MODULARIZED INSULATION, SYSTEMS, APPARATUS METHODS

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

ELECTION

Applicants submit this Election responsive to the Office Action mailed on March 23, 2005.

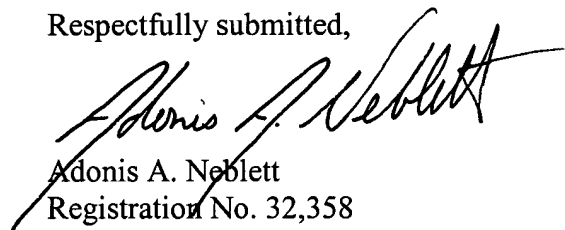
The Examiner has imposed a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and has designated two group of claims as follows: Group I (Claims 1-31), drawn to a modular insulation blanket; and Group II (Claims 32-37), drawn to a method of making an insulation blanket. Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I as designated by the Examiner, comprising Claims 1-31 and 50-54.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the grounds that no serious burden on the Examiner exists. If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, it must be examined on the merits even though it includes claims directed to

distinct or independent invention. M.P.E.P § 803. Applicants submit that substantially similar or convergent searches would be required for the claims of Group I and Group II. Therefore, the subject matter of Groups I and II are believed sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one group would encompass a search for the subject matter of both groups. To avoid duplicative examination by the Patent Office and unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants, Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits of all the claims, not just those of Group I.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned in the event there is any question concerning this Election.

Respectfully submitted,



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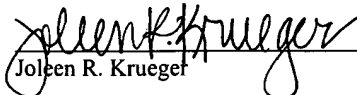
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